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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1966

Notre Dame was the 1966 choice of both the writers' and coaches' polls as college football's unofficial national champion. The Irish also were voted the Grantland Rice Award by the Football Writers' Association of America.

It was Notre Dame's eighth national crown in the 43 years this sort of thing has been going on. Minnesota has been named next most often—five times.

The Associated Press poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the United Press International poll of coaches in 1950. Representing opinions of observers across the country, they are the popularly accepted electors to national ranking. Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies symbolized the championships from 1924 to 1936. The titlists so designated:

1966—Notre Dame	1955—Oklahoma	1944—Army	1933—Michigan
1965—Ala., Mich. St.	1954—Ohio St., UCLA	1943—Notre Dame	1932—Michigan
1964—Alabama	1953—Maryland	1942—Ohio State	1931—Southern Cal
1963—Texas	1952—Michigan State	1941—Minnesota	1930—Notre Dame
1962—Southern Cal	1951—Tennessee	1940—Minnesota	1929—Notre Dame
1961—Alabama	1950—Oklahoma	1939—Texas A&M	1928—Southern Cal
1960—Minnesota	1949—Notre Dame	1938—TCU	1927—Illinois
1959—Syracuse	1948—Michigan	1937—Pittsburgh	1926—Stanford
1958—LSU	1947—Notre Dame	1936—Minnesota	1925—Dartmouth
1957—Auburn, Ohio St.	1946—Notre Dame	1935—SMU	1924—Notre Dame
1956—Oklahoma	1945—Army	1934—Minnesota	

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1966

The most successful major teams of the past 31 years, according to the ratings produced by the press association polls, have been Notre Dame and Oklahoma. Counting 10 points for each season-end first place rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 127 points, far ahead of the Sooners' next best 94:

1. Notre Dame .127	5. Mich. State . 72	9. Army 61	13. Mississippi . 50
2. Oklahoma ... 94	6. Ohio State .. 68	10. Minnesota .. 57	13. Navy 50
3. Alabama 81	7. Tennessee ... 67	11. UCLA 52	15. Southern Cal 40
4. Michigan ... 74	8. Texas 64	11. LSU 52	16. Ga. Tech .. 39

51-0, they clinched national honors. For Michigan State partisans, it was the second straight bitter disappointment. The previous year they had seen their Spartans also finish the campaign undefeated, only to lose their No. 1 rating after getting nipped in the Rose Bowl by UCLA.

If 1966 was a year for giants, it was also the year for giant retirements. Two of the game's most famous figures—Rice's Jess Neely and Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd—decided to call it careers after a total of better than 60 years of coaching. Replacing them will be Harold (Bo) Hagan at the Rice helm and Leon (Bud) Carson at Tech.

A \$21,000 slush fund scandal rocked Illinois and the Big Ten for months and cost likable Pete Elliott his coaching berth. Jim Valek, ex-Illini athlete, succeeds him. Other major coaching changes find Bill Pace at Vandy with Neely, Bill Dooley (Georgia's Vince is his brother) at North Carolina, Fred Taylor at TCU, Darrell Mudra (fresh from the Canadian pros) at Arizona, John Coatta at Wisconsin, Charley Shira at Mississippi State, Pepper Rodgers at Kansas, Vince Gibson at Kansas State, Boyd Converse at Wichita State, Chuck Mills at Utah State, Homer Rice at Cincinnati, Len Jardine at Brown, Tom Boisture at Holy Cross, Bob Ward at Maryland, Jerry Frei at Oregon and Rod Rust at North Texas. And when Jim MacKenzie suffered a fatal heart attack last April, Chuck Fairbanks took over at Oklahoma.

One of the biggest headaches that any of these new coaches inherits is teaching forward pass defense, football's knottiest riddle. With practically all teams now playing platoon ball and utilizing specialists, this could be

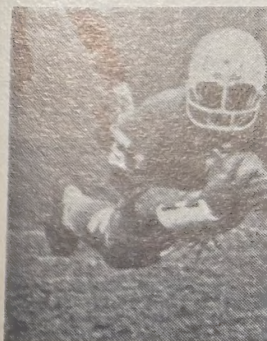
the year when the for an equal number year when passing creased, 10 years ago 38 of the 114 major

So if it's passing peek no farther than back the best passer: Beban, a top rollout at Notre Dame, who Dome, the same ace for big junior season Coley O'Brien, is still

Like all coaches, I offensive line regular frontier except 270-p McCoy, Bob Jockisch give Ara a 265-pound Though 10 of those it looks like the Irish

Daugherty will be to Michigan State, but and the Rose Bowl Smith, Clint Jones, first eight pro draft direct an attack that Thomas. If Bob Apis soph, Tody Smith, is

Though prospects the Big Ten, which Michigan and Ohio rebuild the Wolverine Morgan and Rocky R rebound from an exp the answer in Paul H



IN THE CLUTCH, Buffalo forward pass intended for I is clutching nothing but a